

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): April 28, 2021

GALERA THERAPEUTICS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

001-39114
(Commission
File Number)

46-1454898
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

2 W Liberty Blvd #100
Malvern, PA 19355
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(610) 725-1500
(Registrant's telephone number, include area code)

N/A
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share	GRTX	The Nasdaq Global Market

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

Galera Therapeutics, Inc. (the “Company”) from time to time presents and/or distributes to the investment community at various industry and other conferences slide presentations to provide updates and summaries of its business. On April 28, 2021, the Company posted an updated corporate slide presentation in the “Investors” portion of its website at www.galeratx.com. A copy of its current corporate slide presentation is attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1. The Company undertakes no obligation to update, supplement or amend the materials attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

The information contained in Item 7.01 of this Form 8-K (including Exhibit 99.1 attached hereto) shall not be deemed “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as expressly provided by specific reference in such a filing.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

The following exhibit relating to Item 7.01 shall be deemed to be furnished, and not filed:

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Corporate Slide Presentation of Galera Therapeutics, Inc. dated April 28, 2021
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the inline XBRL document)

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: April 28, 2021

GALERA THERAPEUTICS, INC.

By: /s/ J. Mel Sorensen, M.D.
J. Mel Sorensen, M.D.
President and Chief Executive Officer

Transforming radiotherapy for patients with cancer

April 2021



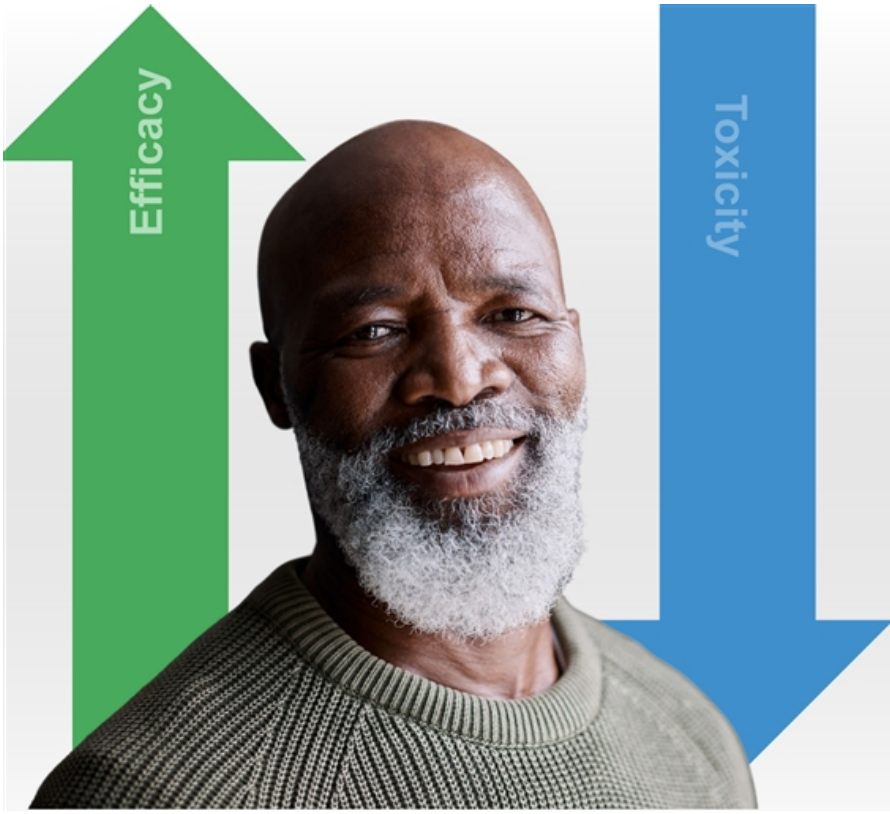
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Whenever the Company uses the terms "transform radiotherapy" or "transforming radiotherapy" in this presentation, it is referring to its mission statement.



Transforming radiotherapy by **reducing side effects** and **increasing anti-cancer efficacy**

Over 50% of Cancer Patients Receive Radiotherapy



Toxicity

REDUCING TOXICITY

In radiotherapy Galera shifts the balance from normal tissue-damaging high levels of superoxide....



... WHILE INCREASING EFFICACY

*to potentially
tumor-toxic
high levels of
hydrogen peroxide.*

Transforming Radiotherapy

Reducing IMRT Toxicity

In Phase 3 with Breakthrough
Therapy Designation

Severe Oral Mucositis
In Head & Neck Cancer

Esophagitis
in Lung Cancer

Increasing SBRT Efficacy

Encouraging Survival Data
in Pancreatic Cancer Trial

Pancreatic Cancer
Locally Advanced

Lung Cancer
Locally Advanced

Large Market Opportunities

High Unmet Medical Need &
Limited Therapeutic Options

Radiotherapy needed by over
half of patients with cancer

Galera building US commercial
team for Avasopasem Launch

Robust Pipeline

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Reducing IMRT Toxicity

Toxicity



223 Patient Phase 2b Trial – Robust Results

Randomized Placebo-Controlled Severe Oral Mucositis (SOM) Trial



Population

- Patients with Head & Neck Cancer (locally advanced)
- Receiving standard IMRT and cisplatin over 7 weeks



Treatment

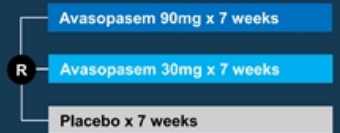
- Avasopasem 90mg, 30mg, or placebo
- 60-minute IV infusion just before IMRT



Endpoints

- Primary: Reduction in SOM duration
- Secondary: Reduction in SOM incidence & severity

Randomized 1:1:1



Stratification

- Tumor HPV status: + / -
- Cisplatin schedule: qwk / q3wk

Tumor Outcomes

- Survival (OS, PFS)
- Locoregional control (LRC)
- Distant Metastases Free (DMF)

WHO Grading Scale:

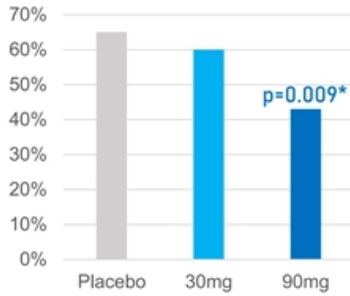


Consistent and Encouraging Results

Across SOM Endpoints

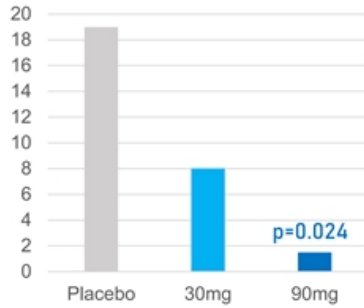
SOM Incidence

34% Reduction in incidence



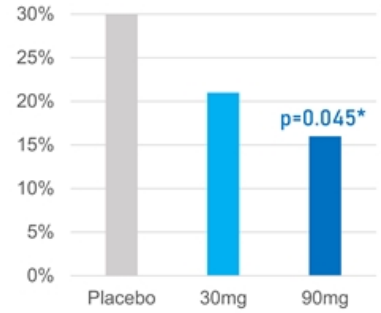
SOM Duration

92% Reduction in median days



SOM Severity

47% Reduction in incidence of Grade 4



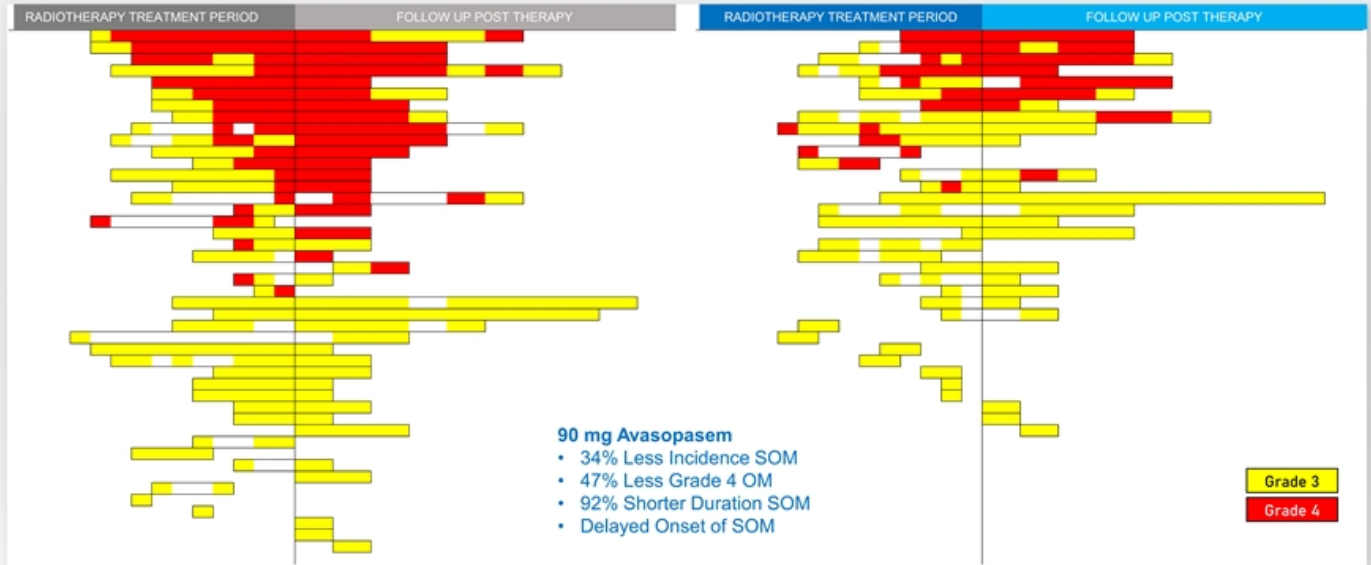
Intent-To-Treat (ITT) Population

*Secondary endpoints (incidence and severity) have nominal p values compared to placebo

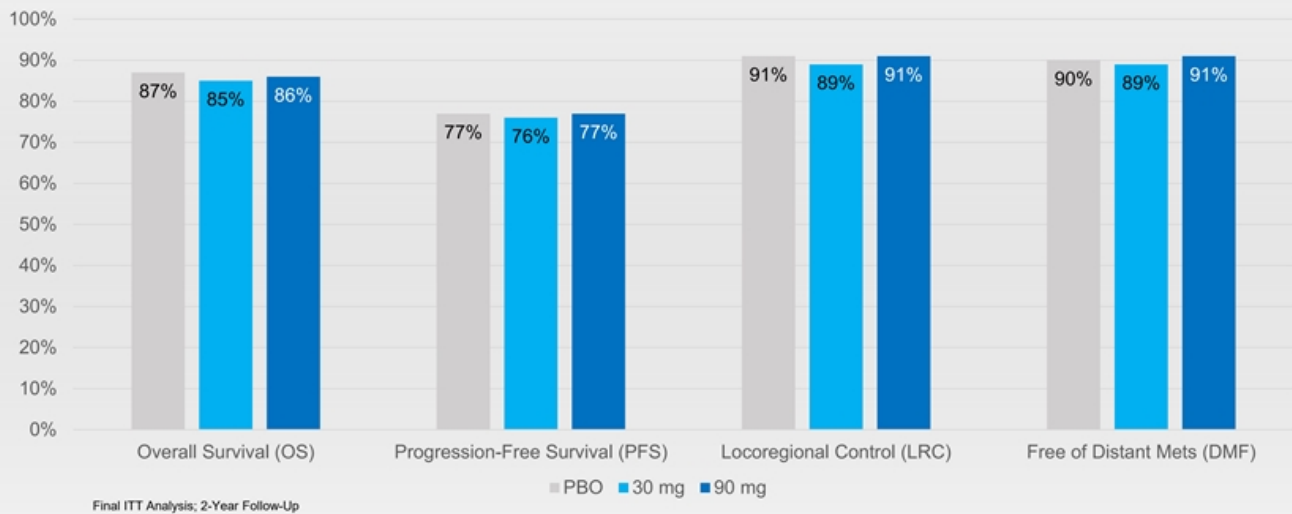
Avasopasem Efficacy Significantly Better than Placebo

PLACEBO Arm (45 of 74 Pts had ≥ 1 visit with SOM)

90MG Avasopasem Arm (35 of 76 Pts had ≥ 1 visit with SOM)

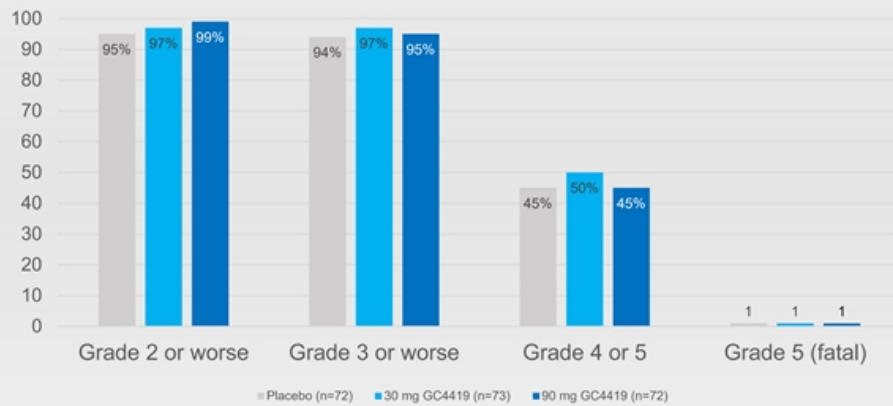


Radiotherapy Efficacy Results Maintained Over Two Years



Safety Results Comparable to Placebo

Avasopasem Generally Well Tolerated



Most Frequent AEs (any grade)	Placebo (n=72)	30 mg Avasopasem (n=73)	90 mg Avasopasem (n=72)
Lymphopenia	89%	92%	88%
Nausea	75%	68%	82%
Fatigue	69%	60%	65%
Oropharyngeal pain	64%	63%	61%
Constipation	53%	59%	64%
Radiation skin injury	47%	51%	53%
Vomiting	47%	52%	49%
Dysgeusia (taste)	49%	55%	43%
Dysphagia	43%	42%	47%
Weight decreased	35%	40%	44%
Oral candidiasis	29%	45%	43%
Leukopenia	39%	37%	39%

450 Patient Phase 3 Trial – Results this Year

Randomized Placebo-Controlled Severe Oral Mucositis Trial



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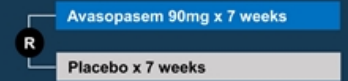
- Avasopasem 90mg or placebo
- 60-minute IV infusion just before IMRT



Endpoints

- Primary: Reduction in SOM incidence
- Secondary: Reduction in SOM duration & severity

Randomized 3:2



Stratification

- Surgery status: + / - before Rx
- Cisplatin schedule: qwk / q3wk

Tumor Outcomes

- Survival (OS, PFS)
- Locoregional control (LRC)
- Distant Metastases Free (DMF)

WHO Grading Scale:



SOM Market Opportunity



Head and Neck Cancer – Large Market Opportunity

Severe Oral Mucositis is most burdensome side effect – 70% get SOM

650,000

Global Head & Neck Cancer Incidence

65,630

US Patients Diagnosed each year

42,000

US Patients at Risk for RT-related SOM



Locally advanced HNC curable with the standard-of-care IMRT and cisplatin regimen

Head and Neck Cancer Can Affect Anyone



Babe Ruth, Lana Turner, Jamie Dimon, Ulysses S. Grant, Sigmund Freud, Humphrey Bogart, Grover Cleveland, Eddie Van Halen
Sammy Davis Jr., George Harrison, Michael Douglas, Ann Richards, Tony Gwynn

Avasopasem: First-to-Market Potential

Current Approaches Lack Efficacy

MAASC Guidelines focus only on symptoms¹

- Basic Oral care
- Opioids, anesthetics
- Coating agents
- Benzydamine
- Anti-inflammatories

Rad Oncs Consider Topicals Ineffective

Market Research with 150 Radiation Oncologists²

- Only 20% of physicians believe topical agents perform well for oral mucositis

Avasopasem is Disease Modifying

Only Breakthrough Therapy Designation for SOM³

- Consistent and encouraging results across SOM endpoints
- Largest Phase 3 Trial
- Data anticipated in 2021

¹Elad S et al, MASCC/ISOO Clinical Practice Guidelines for the Management of Mucositis Secondary to Cancer Therapy. Cancer 2020;126:4423-4431

²Galera Market Research

³FDA breakthrough therapy designation received for avasopasem for reduction of SOM induced by radiotherapy, with or without systemic therapy

Concentrated Physician Population

SOM is Most Burdensome Side Effect of Curative IMRT + Cisplatin Regimen

5,000

Radiation Oncologists
in U.S

2,500

Radiotherapy
Treatment Sites

700

Top centers where >80%
HNC Patients are treated



72%

Sites with Existing
Infusion Capability¹

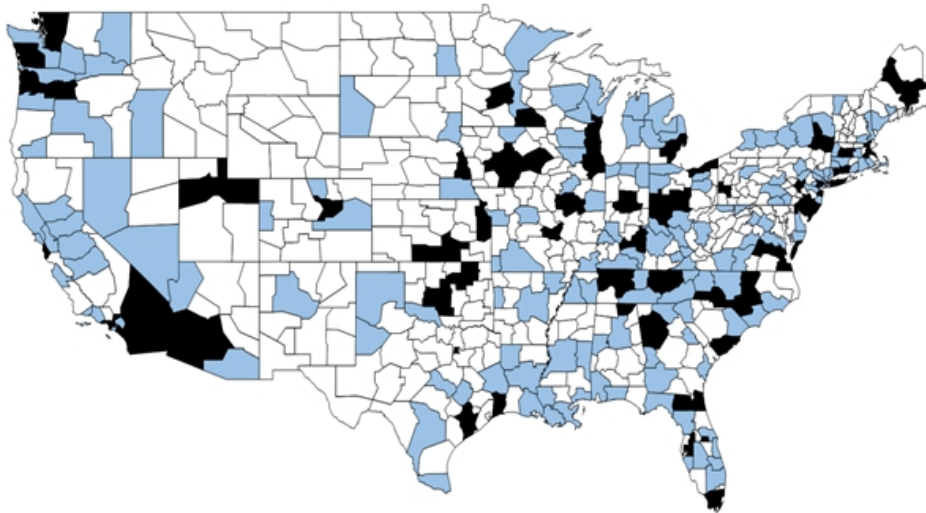
64%

Market Patient Share

38% IMRT centers currently infuse drugs¹
34% more coordinate with medical oncology to infuse patients
Additional 17% can add capabilities to infuse patients

Where Patients with Head & Neck Cancer are Treated

76% Treated in only 29% Zip Code Areas



Galera Market Research (122 Zip Codes are 0)

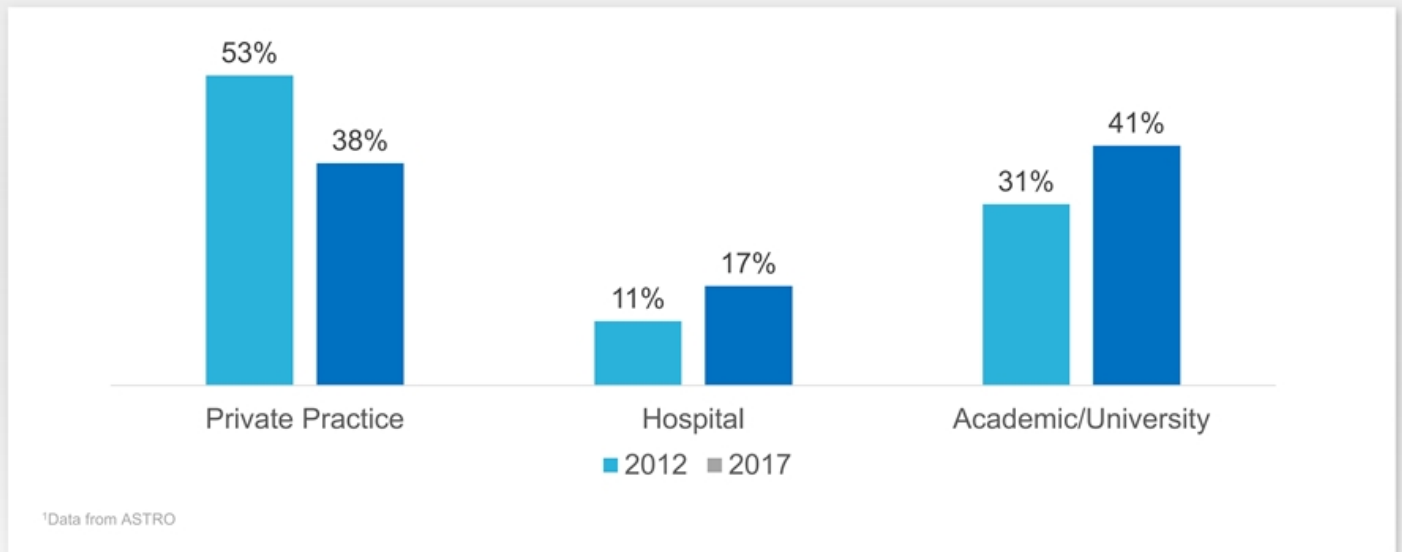
Most IMRT Centers Have Ability to Infuse Today

72% Radiotherapy Sites Have Existing Infusion Capability

Adoption Archetype Determinants	A Rad Oncs Have Current Capabilities	B Med Oncs Administer Infusions for Rad Onc	C Rad Oncs Need to Add Capabilities	D Rad Oncs Unlikely to Add Capabilities
Avasopasem Infusion Owner	Rad Onc	Med Onc	Rad Onc	-
MD-Stated Patient Volume	High	Low	High	Moderate
Ease of Coordination Today	High	High	Low	Low
Likelihood of Prescribing Avasopasem	High	High	High	Low
Total % Sample Distribution (n)	38% (51)	34% (39)	17% (23)	11% (12)

Data in above table based on primary market research with 125 IMRT centers in the US

US Radiation Oncologists Trending Away from Private Practice



Favorable Payer Landscape

\$40,000

Additional medical expenses incurred by patients who develop OM

\$15-25K

Indicative price of full course of therapy based on initial payer research

Price strategy intended to optimize patient access

Head and neck cancer not a focus for cost control measure

Step Edits Unlikely

High unmet need with limited treatment options

Esophagitis in Lung Cancer

50% patients get Grade 2 or worse

2,500,000

Global NSCLC Incidence

175,000

US Patients Diagnosed each year

50,000

US Patients at Risk for RT-related Esophagitis

Initial
Target
Population

Locally advanced NSCLC frequently treated
with IMRT and chemotherapy

Increasing SBRT Efficacy



People we Have Lost to Pancreatic Cancer



Pavarotti, Donna Reed, Dizzy Gillespie, Cardinal Bernardin, Eiko Ishioka, Bonanza's Pernell Roberts, Joan Crawford
Ben Gazzara, Alex Trebek, Alan Bates, Jack Benny, Dr. Sydney Salmon, Billy Paul, Rand Pausch (last lecture)
Ruth Bader Ginsburg, John Lewis, Henry Mancini, Sally Ride, Munster's Fred Gwynne, Columnist William Safire, Michal Landon

Pancreatic Cancer

High Unmet Medical Need With Limited Therapeutic Options

500,000

Global Incidence

60,000

US Patients Diagnosed each year

18,000

Patients with Unresectable Locally Advanced Tumors

**Initial
Target
Population**

5-year survival rate only ~10%

SBRT use increasing for locoregional control of pancreatic cancer

Pilot Trial in Pancreatic Cancer

42-Patient Double-blind, Placebo-controlled, Randomized Trial



Population

- Patients with Locally-advanced Pancreatic Cancer (LAPC)
- Enrolled after 4-6 months of chemotherapy



Treatment

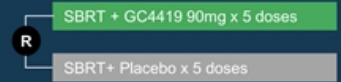
- High-Dose Stereotactic RT (SBRT) 10-11Gy x 5 doses
- 60-minute IV infusion of 90mg GC4419 or placebo



Endpoints

- Safety and Feasibility of dismutase mimetic with SBRT
- Survival (OS, PFS)
- Response Rate
- Tumor Control (DMC, LRC)

Design



42 Patients

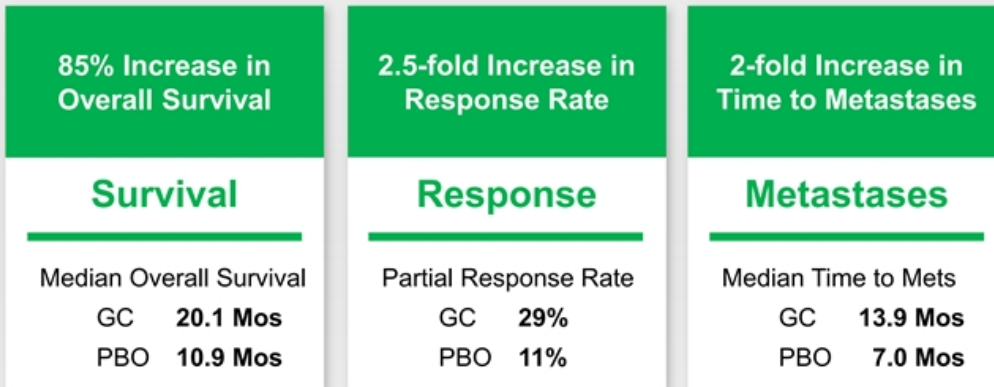
	Single Center	Multi Center
Placebo	N=8	N=10
GC4419	N=11	N=13
	>1 Year Follow-Up	>6 Months Follow-Up

Enrolling Centers

- MD Anderson, Houston, TX
- Moffitt Cancer Center, Tampa, FL
- UT Southwestern, Dallas, TX
- Duke University, Durham, NC

Highlights of Current Analysis

Follow-up through at least 6 months on all patients



Median follow-up of 9 months as of this data analysis (maximum follow-up 32 months)



Surgical Resection

- 5/24 on GC
All with clear tumor margins
- 2/18 on PBO
1 with clear tumor margins

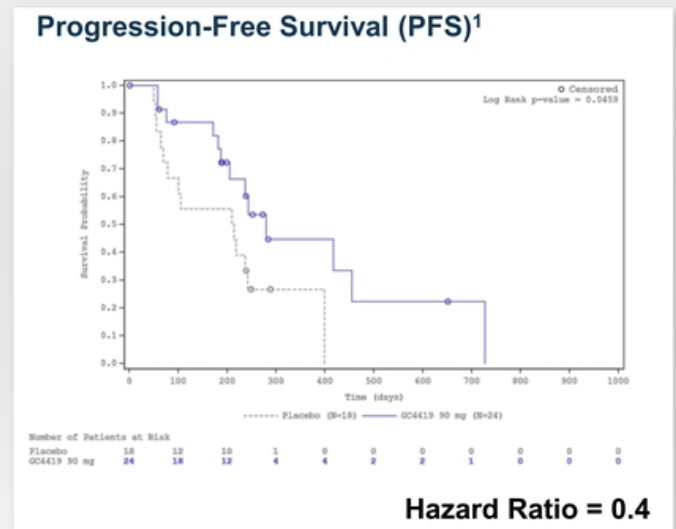
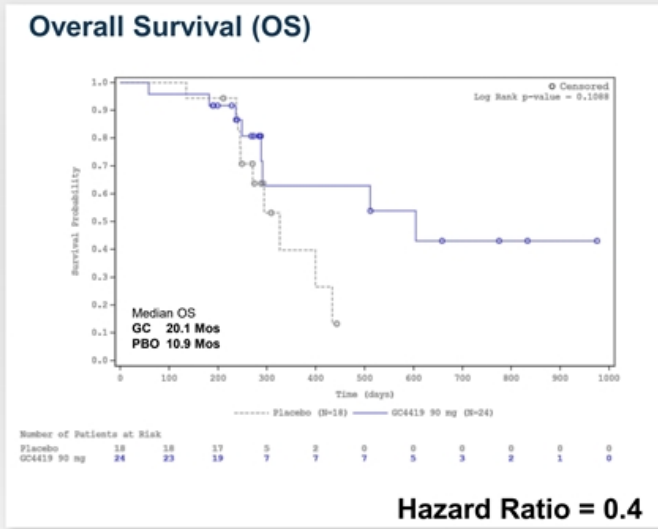
Hazard Ratios (GC vs. PBO)

OS	0.4
PFS	0.4
LRC	0.3
DMC	0.3

OS = Overall Survival
PFS = Progression-Free Survival
LRC = Locoregional Control
DMC = Control of Distant Metastases

Median Overall Survival Increased 85%

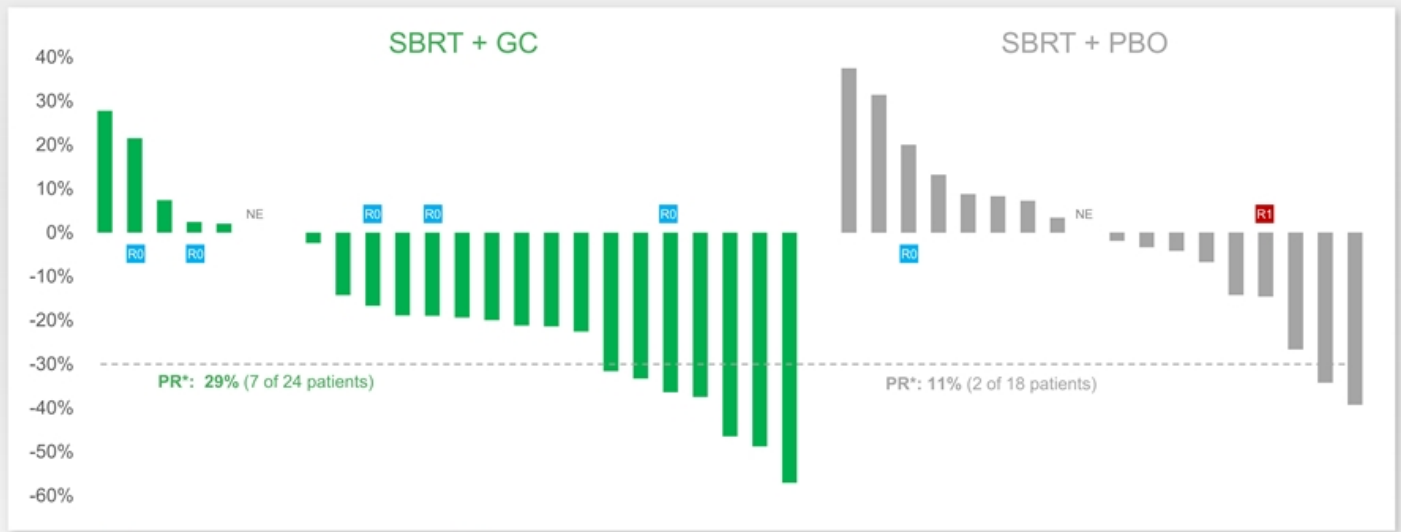
Encouraging hazard ratios for both OS and PFS



¹PFS defined as local progression or distant metastasis; not censored for treatment post SBRT

Partial Response Rate Increased 2.5-fold

Best Local Response with follow-up through at least 6 months on all patients (ITT, n=42)



R0 = Surgical resection (R0 = clear margins).

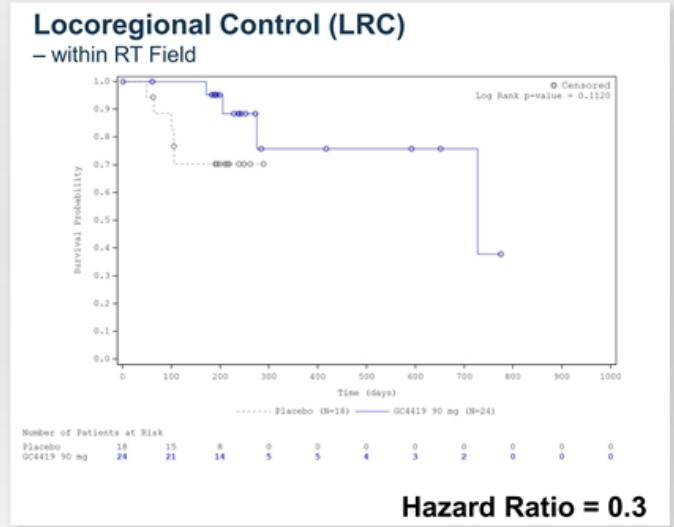
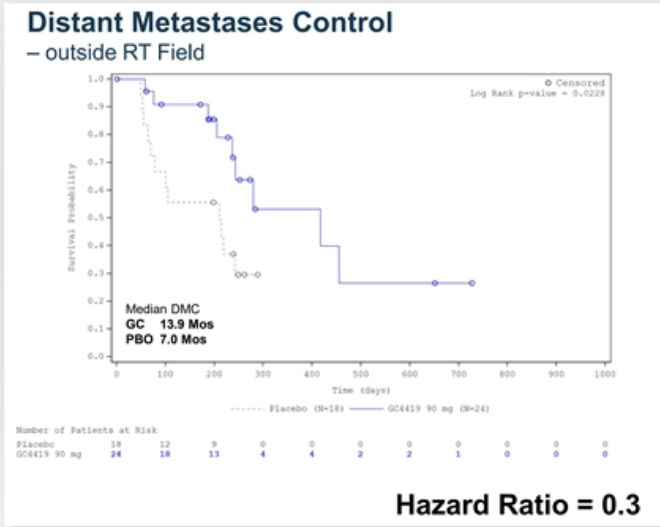
R1 = Surgical resection (R1 = tumor at margins).

NE = not evaluable.

*Partial response per modified RECIST (Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors)

Time to Distant Metastases Increased 2-fold

And Improved Locoregional Control



Patients censored for cancer progression or death (not for consolidation treatment post SBRT if no progression)

Regimen Generally Well Tolerated

Toxicity reports through first 90 days after SBRT (ITT, n=42)

Acute Adverse Events (up to 90 days post SBRT)	Placebo (n=18)	Avasopasem (n=24)
Grade 3+ AEs	4 (22%)	6 (25%)
Grade 3 Gastrointestinal AEs ¹	2 (11%)	2 (8%)

¹No bleeding ulcers by 12-week endoscopy, no GI toxicity > Grade 3

Next Steps

Proof of Concept

Efficacy results from blinded controlled trial consistent with preclinical studies that showed synergy with RT

Consistent Synergy

Magnitude of synergy with RT and consistency across efficacy parameters is very encouraging

GRECO Trials

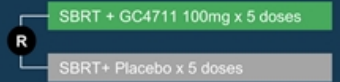
Galera advanced its dismutase mimetics into larger placebo-controlled trials, in pancreatic and lung cancer

GRECO-1



- Placebo-controlled multicenter trial
- Locally Advanced NSC Lung Cancer – large & central tumors
- 71 Patients
- Status: Open & Recruiting Patients

GRECO-2



- Placebo-controlled multicenter trial
- Locally Advanced Pancreatic Cancer – following neoadjuvant chemotherapy
- 160 Patients
- Status: Soon to open to enrollment

SBRT for Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer

SBRT is an established treatment for central and large peripheral NSCLC tumors

2,500,000

Global NSCLC Incidence

175,000

US Patients Diagnosed each year

55,100

Node-Negative NSCLC



All SBRT	14,600	12,120	15,430
Node-Negative NSCLC	Peripheral Tumor >3cm	Central Tumor <3cm	Central Tumor >3cm
Surgery ONLY	16%	30%	12%
SBRT (+/- other modalities)	81%	67%	85%
Other	3%	2%	4%

Corporate Highlights



Robust Pipeline

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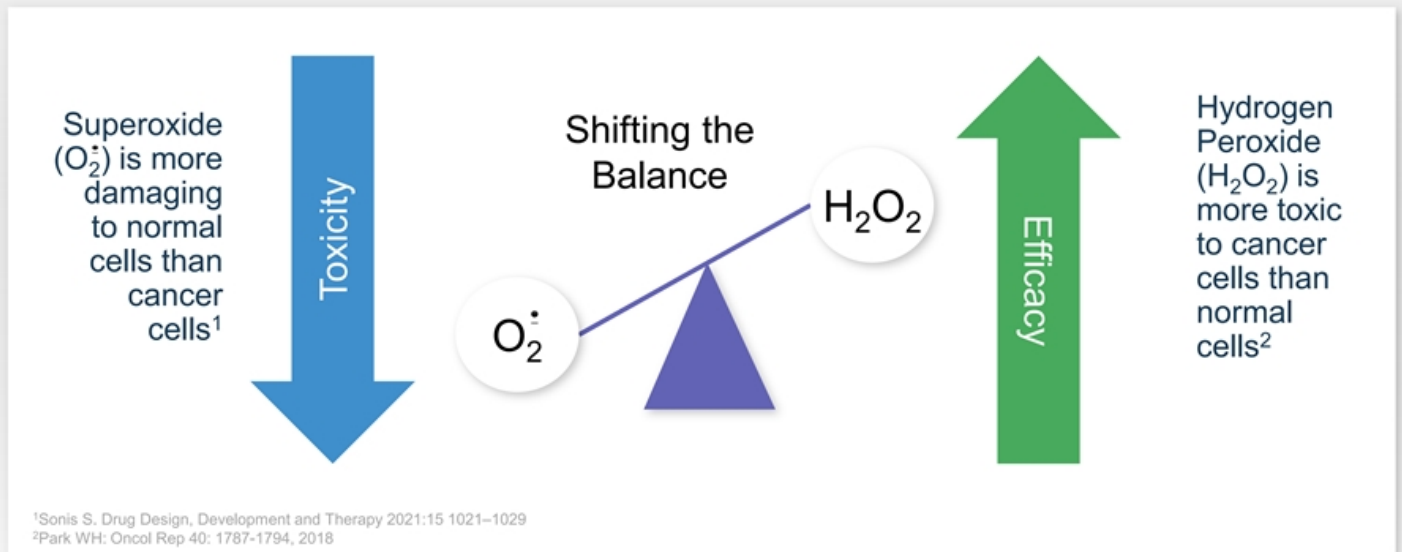
Back-up Slides

Mechanistic and Preclinical Data



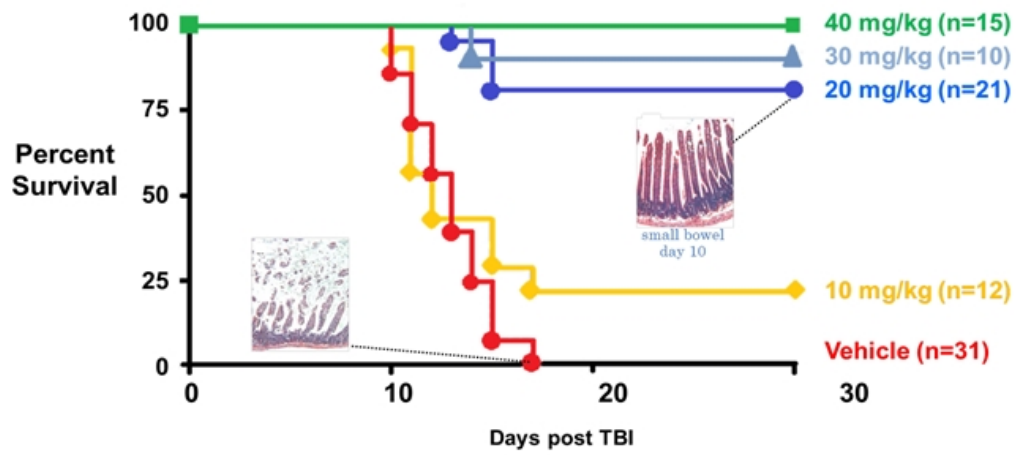
Differential Effect of Dismutase Mimetics

Conversion of superoxide to hydrogen peroxide leverages inherent tissue differences



Protection from Lethal Radiation Exposure

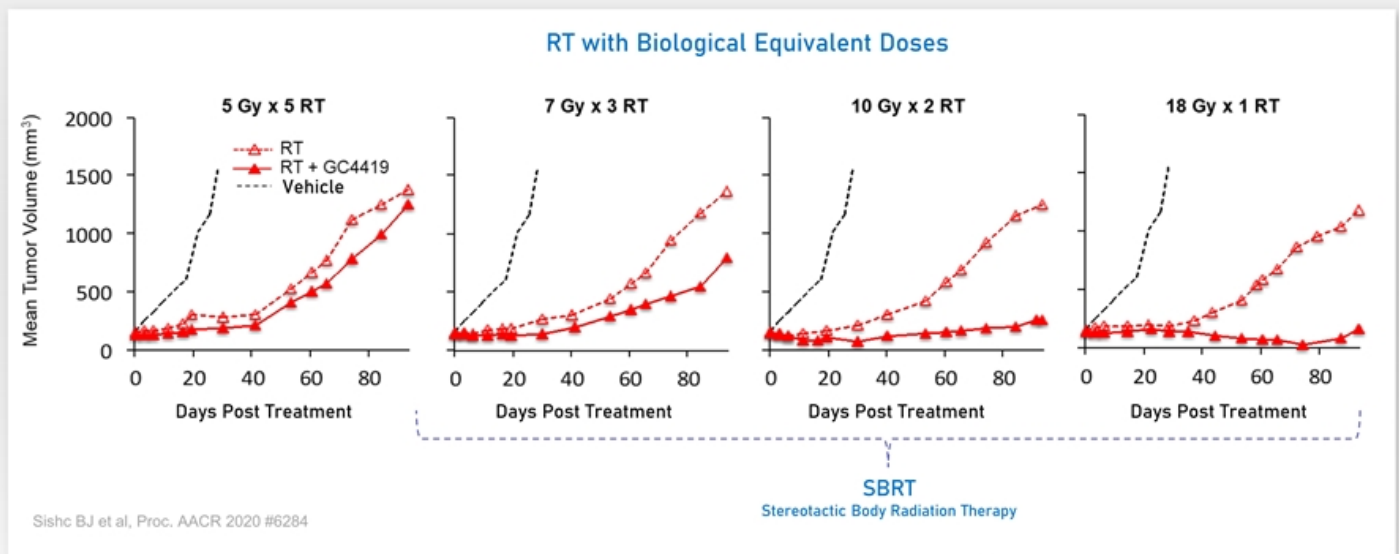
Observed in Preclinical Studies – Total Body Irradiation (8.5 Gy) to Mice



Thompson, et al., Free Radical Research, 44(5):529-540, 2010

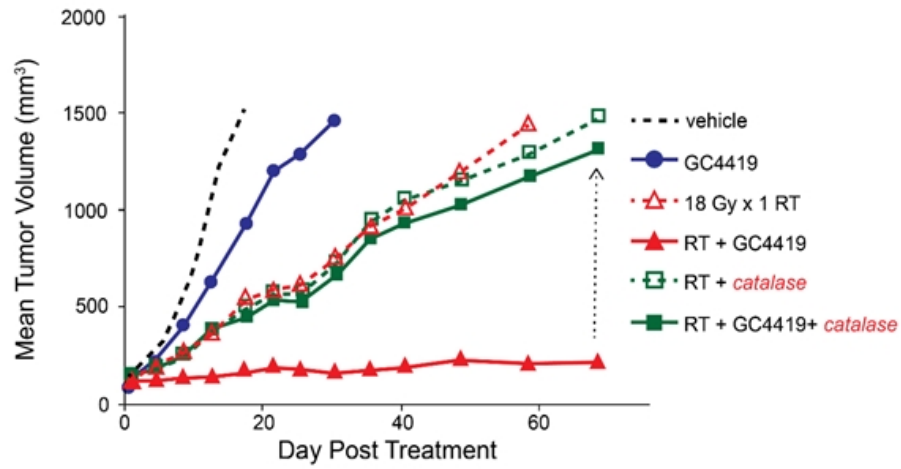
Synergy with High-Dose RT (SBRT)

High-fraction focal irradiation of human tumor xenografts (H1299 NSCLC) in mice



H₂O₂ build-up in Cancer Cell → Synergy with SBRT

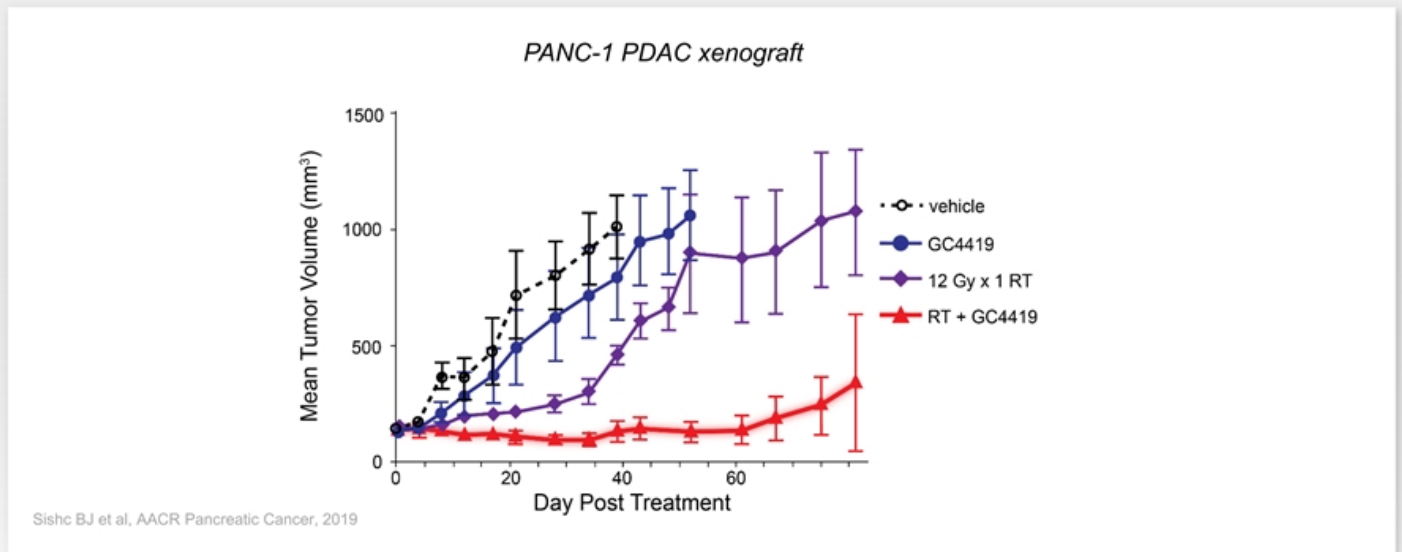
Synergy abrogated with doxycycline-induced catalase in genetically modified H1299^{CAT} cells



Sishc BJ et al, AACR, 2018

Pancreatic Tumor Model → Synergy with SBRT

Marked synergy of Dismutase Mimetic with 12 Gray Radiotherapy



Enhanced Checkpoint Inhibitor Activity in Vivo

GC4419 enhanced tumor response to SBRT + anti-PD-L1, PD-1 or CTLA-4 – within and outside RT field

